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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: North Kingstown

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Board will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve prioritized Major Projects and Fast Track Repairs. A chart summarizing North Kingstown School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$11,829,325 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$4,140,264):

North Kingstown:

i.	Fishing Cove Elementary	\$ 341,500
ii.	Forest Park Elementary	\$ 158,200
iii.	Hamilton Elementary	\$1,167,200
iv.	Quidnessett Elementary	\$ 163,500
v.	Stony Lane Elementary	\$ 494,900
vi.	Wickford Middle School	\$ 196,200
vii.	Davisville Academy	\$ 90,800
viii.	Davisville Middle School	\$ 3,938,400
ix.	North Kingstown High School	\$ 5,278,625

SUMMARY: FY 2018 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2018 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Repairs	This project will address repairs at North Kingstown's School District's facilities including: Fishing Cove Elementary, Forest Park Elementary, Hamilton Elementary, Quidnessett Elementary, Stony Lane Elementary, Wickford Middle School, Davisville Academy, Davisville Middle School, and the North Kingstown High School.	This project includes health and safety improvements, including building envelope repairs, HVAC repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety	35%	\$10,572,885 (Bond)	\$3,700,510	\$5,254,723
				\$1,256,440 (Capital Reserve)	\$439,754	\$439,754

* State share ratio is based on FY2018 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonus incentives.

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. North Kingstown intends to pay for projects out of both bond proceeds and capital reserve funds as detailed above.